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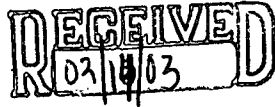
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REPLY TO ROSELAND



February 12, 2003

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT

Mr. Seth Ausubel, Remedial Project Manager
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region II
Emergency and Remedial Response Division
290 Broadway, 19th Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866

**Re: Request for Information to Technical Oil Products, Inc.
Re: Berry's Creek Study Area
PPGM&S File No. 2561.02**

Dear Mr. Ausubel:

Enclosed is Technical Oil Products, Inc.'s response to the Request identified above, pursuant to our letter to Clay Monroe, Esq. dated January 23, 2003, a copy of which is attached. A copy of the response has been sent to Mr. Monroe. If I can assist further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

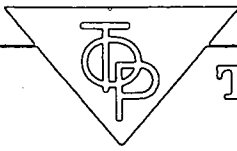
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Enclosure





TECHNICAL OIL PRODUCTS, INC.

PLANT AND WAREHOUSE

1 Adamson Street • Easton, PA 18042
(610) 252-8350 • (610) 252-9901 Fax

OFFICE AND HEADQUARTERS

123 Madison Street • Boonton, NJ 07005
(973) 335-0300 • (973) 335-1952 Fax

February 10, 2003

BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT

Mr. Seth Ausubel
Remedial Project Manager
United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region II
Emergency and Remedial Response Division
290 Broadway 19th Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866

Re: Request for Information to Technical Oil Products, Inc.
re: Berry's Creek Study Area

Dear Mr. Ausubel:

Enclosed is our response to Ms. Janet Conetta's Request for Information accompanying her letter to us dated October 17, 2003. Please note that the Request identified our former location in the Berry's Creek Study Area, which was at 150 Grand Street, Borough of Carlstadt, as "Block 151, Lots 19 and 10-B", Borough of Carlstadt. As our Counsel has previously advised Clay Monroe, Esq., Assistant Regional Counsel, the Borough of Carlstadt has advised us that the correct designation of our former location at that address is Block 123, Lot 19. It is as to that latter location that the following response applies, and it is that latter location to which we refer below when referring to the site. We did not occupy, and have no information regarding, the block and lots referred to in the Request. The following numbered answers correspond to the same numbered questions in the Request.

1. a. Technical Oil Products, Inc., 123 Madison Street, Boonton NJ 07005.

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- b. The Company is a New Jersey corporation.
 - c. Alan Geisler, Technical Oil Products, Inc., 123 Madison Street,
Boonton
NJ 07005.
 - d. Not applicable.
 - e. New Jersey; July 1, 1961; Alan Geisler.
 - f. Not applicable.
2. Block 123, Lot 19; 150 Grand Street, corner of Grand Street and
Starke
Drive; approximately 2 acres. NOTE THAT THIS BLOCK AND LOT
NUMBER, PROVIDED BY THE MUNICIPAL OFFICE OF THE
BOROUGH OF CARLSADT, DIFFERS FROM THE BLOCK AND LOT
NUMBERS STATED IN YOUR REQUEST.
3. During the Company's occupancy of the property at 150 Grand Street,
Borough of Carlstadt, the Company was a manufacturer solely of food
and
food products under the regulations and specifications of the Federal
Food
and Drug Administration. Our products consisted of an onion sauce
in a
tomato paste base and vegetable oils used by bakers to prevent the
dough
from sticking to their baking pans. The word, "oil", in our Company's
name
refers to those food-grade vegetable oils, not to petroleum oil.
4. The Company leased the site from April 1, 1971 to March 31, 1992
from
Amor Realty, which was then located in Carlstadt, New Jersey. We do
not
have a current address for the lessor and we have not retained copies
of
the leases.
5. New building built by landlord.

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6. a. None.
- b. Please see answer to Question 3, above.
- c. None.
- d. April 1, 1971 to March 31, 1992.
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7. Yes, in March, 1992. Our lease expired.
8. No.
9. NJPDES Permit # 0005754. This surface water discharge permit allowed us to discharge non-contact cooling water from a well located on the property .
10. Nickel, used as a catalyst in our food manufacturing process.
11. Approximately 500 pounds per month of nickel, used as a catalyst. The nickel was stored and used inside the building.
12. When no longer usable as a catalyst, all of the nickel was sold to metals resellers. No nickel was taken off-site for disposal or treatment, but rather purchased by such metal resellers for re-use by others.
13. Please see answer to Question 1. c. above.
14. None during our tenancy.
15. None, other than the discharge permitted under our NJPDES Permit, which allowed us to discharge non-contact cooling water from a well located on the property.
16. The chemicals for which I have answered "Yes" on the form on page 5 of the Request are so indicated because they were contained in trace amounts in the well water from a well on the property, which was used as non-contact cooling water and then released pursuant to our NJPDES Permit referred to above. As I recall, the Permit parameters for those chemicals were never exceeded, and I believe both EPA and NJDEP received copies of our test reports. Please note that we cannot answer whether the listed chemicals have "ever been released from the Site", as the form requests, but only as to our period of occupancy of the Site.

Request for Information Regarding Chemical Releases to the Berry's Creek Study Area

Instructions: As instructed in Question 16, please complete this form by marking the appropriate spaces. Indicate whether each of the chemicals listed has ever been released from the Site to the Berry's Creek Study Area, including creeks, ditches, or other water bodies, or wetlands. Follow additional instructions below. Return the completed form along with your other responses to the Request for Information in the Matter of the Berry's Creek Study Area, Bergen County, New Jersey. N/A signifies no information available.

| | Yes | No | N/A |
|---|-----|----|-----|
| acenaphthene | | X | |
| acenaphthylene | | X | |
| anthracene | | X | |
| aluminum | | X | |
| antimony | | X | |
| * arsenic | | X | |
| benz(a)anthracene | | X | |
| benzene | | X | |
| benzo(a)pyrene | | X | |
| benzo(b)fluoranthene | | X | |
| benzo(g,h,i)perylene | | X | |
| benzo(k)fluoranthene | | X | |
| bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate | | X | |
| butyl benzyl phthalate | | X | |
| * cadmium | X | | |
| chlorinated dibenzo-p-dioxins (if "yes", please list specific dioxin compounds on a separate sheet) | | X | |
| chlorinated dibenzofurans (if "yes", please list specific compounds on a separate sheet) | | X | |
| chlorobenzene | | X | |
| chloroform | | X | |
| * chromium | | X | |
| chrysene | | X | |
| * copper | | X | |
| cyanide | | X | |
| dibenz(a,h)anthracene | | X | |
| dichlorobenzene | | X | |
| 1,2-dichloroethene | | X | |
| di-n-butyl phthalate | | X | |
| 1,2-dichlorobenzene | | X | |
| 1,2-dichloroethane | | X | |
| dieldrin | | X | |
| di-n-octyl phthalate | | X | |
| ethylbenzene | | X | |
| fluoranthene | | X | |

| | Yes | No | N/A |
|---|-----|----|-----|
| fluorene | | X | |
| hexachlorobenzene | | X | |
| indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene | | X | |
| lead | | X | |
| * manganese | X | | |
| mercury | | X | |
| methylene chloride | | X | |
| methyl ethyl ketone | | X | |
| methyl mercury | | X | |
| 2-methylnaphthalene | | X | |
| naphthalene | | X | |
| nickel | | X | |
| pentachlorophenol | | X | |
| petroleum hydrocarbons | | X | |
| phenanthrene | | X | |
| phenol | | X | |
| polychlorinated biphenyls (if "yes" please list specific congeners and aroclors on a separate sheet) | | X | |
| polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (if "yes", please list specific compounds on a separate sheet, if not listed on this page) | | X | |
| pyrene | | X | |
| selenium | | X | |
| silver | | X | |
| 1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane | | X | |
| tetrachloroethylene | | X | |
| thallium | | X | |
| toluene | | X | |
| 1,1,2-trichloroethylene | | X | |
| 1,1,1-trichloroethane | | X | |
| trichloroethylene | | X | |
| vinyl chloride | | X | |
| * zinc | X | | |

* CONTAINED IN TRACE AMOUNTS IN ONSITE WELL WATER USED AS NON-CONTACT COOLING WATER AND RELEASED PURSUANT TO NJPDES PERMIT. SEE ANSWER # 16.

ALAN GEISER

Name of person completing form

TECHNICAL OIL PRODUCTS, INC.

Company

150 GRAND STREET,
CARLSTADT, N.J.

BLOCK 123, LOT 19.

Site (as defined in the "Instructions")
CORRECTED

17. Not applicable.

18. Not applicable.

19. We are not aware of any.

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20. None, other than legal counsel

21. None, other than public documents, e.g. asking personnel of the Borough of Carlstadt to provide, from their documents, the correct lot and block number for the property.

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Notary Public

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CERTIFICATION OF ANSWERS TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

State of New Jersey

County of Morris

I certify under penalty of law that I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document (response to EPA Request for Information) and all documents submitted herewith, and that based on my inquiry of those individuals immediately responsible for obtaining the information, I believe that the submitted information is true, accurate, and complete, and that all documents submitted herewith are complete, and authentic unless otherwise indicated. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment. I am also aware that my company is under a continuing obligation to supplement its response to EPA's Request for Information if any additional information relevant to the matters addressed in EPA's Request for Information or the company's response thereto should become known or available to the company.

ALAN GEISLER

NAME (print or type)

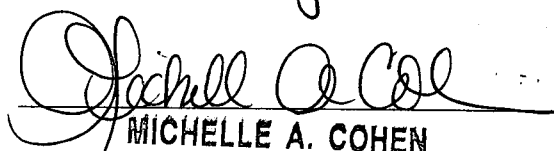
PRESIDENT

TITLE (print or type)



SIGNATURE

Sworn to before me this 10th
day of February, 2003



MICHELLE A. COHEN
Notary Public State of New Jersey
My Commission Expires April 23, 2004

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